

## Covid Narrative May 10, 2021

The Scituate Select Board meets Tuesday (May 11) at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes the water study report from the Water Department. For more and for the Zoom link, visit: [scituatema.gov](https://scituatema.gov).

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said there are a number of positive changes in the state Covid guidelines for venues, amusement parks, singing events and more. Visit: [mass.gov/covid](https://mass.gov/covid) for the latest update. Plans are to further relax Covid restrictions on May 29. If all goes well and Covid numbers continue to go down, the state could fully lift restrictions on August 1.

The state mass vaccination sites are now open for walk-ins. Starting May 12, the Marshfield Fairgrounds will be open for drive-ups without an appointment.

Covid vaccinations are now offered for anyone aged 16 and older. The CDC is meeting this week to determine if the age can be reduced to 12. Those aged 17 and under, must get the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna vaccine has not been approved for those under 18.

Boudreau said the town is still trending in the right direction with 9 new Covid cases over the past week; that is down from 19 the previous week. The town's positivity rate is 1.9 percent over the last 14 days. Scituate is now "green" on the state Covid map, meaning the town is in the lowest risk category.

Outdoor dining on Front Street is coming back. Parking in front of the Galley will be blocked off for outdoor seating because there is not enough sidewalk space. However, Front Street will not be closed to through traffic.

Peggotty Beach parking lot paving is underway. The entire parking lot is not being paved, only the parts that were damaged from storms. FEMA grants are paying for the project. The parking lot will be open by Memorial Day.

The Cole Parkway marina project will meet the May 15 deadline for completion, apart for the overlook that needs work and finishing the sewer connection for pump-outs. That will not affect getting boats back into the water.

The Cedar Point sewer project is nearing completion. Over the next couple of weeks, the contractors will be cleaning up and adding loam to lawns that were damaged. The roads will be paved in the fall, once the patches settle.

The water main project on Bailey's Causeway starts this week. Water quality and water pressure will be greatly improved once that project is complete.

The town reservoir is spilling over but that does not mean that mandatory water restrictions won't take effect because drier times are coming. Starting May 15, outdoor watering is allowed

from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Homes with irrigation systems can run those one day a week according to voting precinct.

Boudreau urged residents to clean up after themselves. The town has 100 trash barrels and increases that to 150 in the summer. Crews are out picking up trash but if the barrel is full, residents should take their trash home with them and not leave it by the barrel. When that happens, animals get into the trash and spread it around.

Town offices and town departments, such as the senior center and library are open to the public.

Superintendent of Schools William Burkhead said there were five new Covid cases over the past week for a total of 222 this school year.

Marshfield invited Scituate students aged 16 and older Saturday, May 8, to the fairgrounds to be vaccinated.

Tonight's (May 10) School Committee agenda is jam-packed. Visit: [scituate.k12.ma.gov](https://scituate.k12.ma.gov) for details and Zoom link.

Burkhead gave a shout-out to Wampatuck First Grade Teacher Miss Green and her class's reading café last week involving the students taking orders from their parents, who were invited, for what they wanted to hear. For example, students could share a poem or a book, etc.